



## District 11-B1 Newsletter

May/June 2022 Edition

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### A FEW WORDS FROM DG TERRI



Thank you for the honor of being your District Governor this year. What an honor to represent such a fantastic group of Lions. I am here to tell you that District 11-B1 is in excellent shape. We have turned the lights up and gotten out into our communities.

I believe this summer is going to be a fun time for Lions to continue to reconnect with service projects and building their clubs membership. I do not have the totals from the 60 in 60 challenge yet, but I do know we added many new members.

The Zone Chairs did an excellent job this year getting information out to the clubs. We had two training sessions that were greatly attended. We received a \$1,500 LCIF grant to assist a homeless veterans project in Dexter.

We had an awesome team put together a convention that was attended by over 125 Lions. We have entered service projects for every active club into MyLion. And to finish off the year, we are beginning Clear Lake Virtual Lions club, developed with individuals who attend the Winter Camp for the Blind.

I am going to take the next 30 days and reach out into the district and take part in as many service projects as I can. I hope to see you at the Banner Exchange.

DG Terri

### REPORTING CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2022-23

A few clubs still need to report their officers for the next fiscal year. This was due in early May. Club officers must be reported to Lions Clubs International headquarters using MyLCI. Once the new officers are reported, those Lions will begin to receive correspondence and have appropriate access to MyLCI and other resources including training.

If your club needs help reporting club officers, assistance is available by contacting Cathy Koning at 616-745-0119 or [cathykoning@yahoo.com](mailto:cathykoning@yahoo.com) or Dave Hill at 517-262-8928 or [coldhill@gmail.com](mailto:coldhill@gmail.com).

## **SERVICE REPORTING (MYLION)**

Has your club been reporting community service hours in MyLion? It's a great way for clubs, the district, and LCI to see the fantastic impact you and are making in your communities.

All clubs are encouraged to designate a person to perform this important role. There is a little-known role called "club administrator" that can be assigned to a member. It gives them the same role privileges in MyLCI and MyLion as the club secretary. This allows the club secretary to continue doing their usual functions while the club administrator picks up the service reporting duties.

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## **LCIF CAMPAIGN 100 UPDATE**

As of May 20, the LCIF Campaign100 had reached 99.2% of goal, bringing the new cumulative worldwide total to \$297,744,228. As the deadline approaches, the final count is under wraps. But don't let the end of Campaign100 end your giving to LCIF. The needs continue and your help is appreciated! Because of LCIF we are able to get grants to help in our communities. Contact Kelly Lubbe at 517-745-4404 or [klubbe1065@gmail.com](mailto:klubbe1065@gmail.com) to learn more.

## **OUR 2022-23 DISTRICT GOVERNOR TEAM**

As District Governor Terri completes her term at the end of June, District Governor Elect Kelly Lubbe is gearing up to take the reins with Vice District Governor Annette Hemeryck at her side.

You can reach DGE Kelly Lubbe at 517-745-4404 or [klubbe1065@gmail.com](mailto:klubbe1065@gmail.com).



## BANNER EXCHANGE

Banner Exchange is the annual summer picnic event where Lions gather to witness the passing of the district banner from the old District Governor to the new one. All Lions are welcome!

Sunday July 10, 2022

1pm - 4pm

Location:

The Napoleon Lions Clubhouse

7935 Napoleon Rd., Napoleon, Michigan

Agenda:

Welcome DG Kelly Lubbe

Gift of Life Shalonda Griffin

Induction of Cabinet Members by PID Esther LaMothe

Awards for 2021-2022 Presented by PDG Terri Huffman

Picnic Lunch:

Meat and Water Provided

Bring a passing dish

Last name A-M - bring a salad

Last name N-Z - bring a dessert

**RSVP by July 4** to DGE Kelly Lubbe at klubbe1065@gmail.com

Thank you to Napoleons Lions Club for being our Host!



(flyer on next page)



## 2022 District 11-B1 Banner Exchange

“Together We Can”

(Lions International President Brian Sheehan’s Theme for 2022-2023)

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### LIONS OF MICHIGAN ALL-STATE BAND CEO POSITION OPEN

If you are interested in learning more about the position of All-State Band CEO, a detailed application form and package may be emailed to you. Contact Wendy Burns at [wburns@lionsofmi.com](mailto:wburns@lionsofmi.com) or 517-887-6640 ext. 11.

Candidates who submit an application will be contacted with respect to interview procedures. All applicants will receive a response.



## DISTRICT SPRING LEADERSHIP TRAINING

In mid-April Lions gathered at Vandercook Lake High School for District 11-B1 Spring Leadership Training organized by Roger Bosse, Cathy Koning, and team. Many thanks to the Lions who stepped up to be trainers, those who took the time to be learners, the senior students who helped with technology, and the Vandercook Lions who served dinner. Building a stronger district... together!



Nancy Hill



Chris Lake



Roger Bosse and Dick Saxton



VCL serving dinner



Marlo and Trevin



DG Terri

## DISTRICT 11-B1 CONVENTION

April 30, 2022

District Governor Terri Huffman presided over the convention, which kicked off Friday night with a Memorial Service for Lions we have lost over the last 3 years and was followed by rousing games of Bingo and Euchre. Saturday morning started with a tribute to our Lions who have served in the U.S. military.

The crowd broke into two groups, one to participate in Craig Bishop's art-based lesson on communication, and the other to listen to a panel discussion comprised of local community organizations. Representatives from Lions projects were on-site with their tables of information which Lions visited as they drifted between the scheduled events.

Lunch included a moving speech by DG Tom Smarsh, husband of visiting Past International Director Anne Smarsh, and the presentation of awards for hard working Lions.

In the afternoon, Lions had the option to tour the city of Jackson and look at the Bright Walls murals or visit with each other in the convention room. Attendees were grooving to the Jackson French Quarter Dixieland Band as they brought us together for dancing before dinner. Following the tasty meal, we were inspired by words from PID Anne who subsequently helped with awards.

### Eversight Awards

GMT Cheryl Bradshaw – Quest South East Jackson Curtis Cheatum – Quest South East Jackson PDG Dick Dettling - Dexter Pat Kohmescher - Clinton Ron Kohmescher – Clinton	PDG Dennis Lautzenheiser – North Jackson PDG Vickie Lautzenheiser – North Jackson DGE Kelly Lubbe – Jackson County Professional Virtual Donna Smith – Battle Creek Cereal City
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### Bear Lake Award

George Woodard – Michigan Center

### Melvin Jones Fellowships

Jim Baum – Battle Creek Cereal City – Progressive Sue Adams – Branch Area	Kenneth McMaster – Huron Valley Sunrise * Ken inducted Lore Rogers, the first woman in Lions Clubs International (accepted by Rich Westbury)
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### Perfect Attendance

Jim Baum – Battle Creek Cereal City

### Lions of Michigan Service Foundation Awards

<b>Helen Keller Fellow</b> – Bea Furman – Jackson Host – Roger Bosse – Battle Creek Cereal City – PDG Roberta Sexton – Michigan Center Lioness – 1 <sup>st</sup> VDG Annette Hemeryck – Hanover-Horton	<b>Ken E. Lautzenheiser Fellow</b> – ZC Stan Masters – Blissfield Area
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### NAMI Awards

GLT Roger Bosse – Battle Creek Cereal City GMT Cheryl Bradshaw – Quest South East Jackson ZC Bryan Cook – Battle Creek Cereal City ZC Nancy Hill – Vandercook Lake ZC Anita Hoyt – Jackson County Professional Virtual ZC Cathy Koning – Ann Arbor Evening	PDG Dennis Lautzenheiser – North Jackson DGE Kelly Lubbe – Jackson County Professional Virtual Stan Masters – Blissfield Area Red O’Leary – Battle Creek Cereal City
* NAMI - North American Membership Initiative, later renamed to Global Membership Approach (GMA)	

### Karl Sorrick – Club of the Year:

Battle Creek Cereal City (accepted by Teresa Gest)

### Convention Committee Chairpersons Appreciation Gifts

Susanna White – Michigan Center Lioness PDG Roberta Sexton – Michigan Center Lioness DGE Kelly Lubbe – Jackson Professional Virtual Shawne Lige – Jackson Eye Openers ZC Nancy Hill – Vandercook Lake ZC Cathy Koning – Ann Arbor Evening	GMT Cheryl Bradshaw – Quest South East CS Barb Ray – Jackson Eye Openers Connie Neese – Jackson Eye Openers PDG Dick Dettling - Dexter Jo Ivey - Napoleon
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### Wendell Doty Award

Donna Smith – Battle Creek Cereal City

### District Governor Award

GMT Cheryl Bradshaw- Quest South East ZC Chris Lake – Jackson Host	CC Dave Hill – Vandercook Lake PID Esther LaMothe – Jackson Eye Openers
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### International President’s Certificate of Appreciation – Presented by PID Esther LaMothe

Shawne Lige – Jackson Eye Openers Teresa Gest – Battle Creek Cereal City	CS Barbara Ray – Jackson Eye Openers
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### International President’s Certificate of Appreciation – PID Anne Smarsh

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### International Leadership Medal

ZC Cathy Koning – Ann Arbor Evening

### International Presidential Medal

ZC Nancy Hill – Vandercook Lake

CC - Council Chair CS - Cabinet Secretary PID - Past International Director ZC - Zone Chair GLT - Global Leadership Team GMT - Global Membership Team	DG - District Governor DGE - DG Elect PDG - Past DG VDG - Vice DG
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## CONVENTION PICTURES

Pictures are posted to our district membership's Facebook group named, "Lions Members of District 11-B1" <https://www.facebook.com/groups/164726954206924/>

Also available on CD or USB drive by request to Cathy Koning, cathykoning@yahoo.com 616-745-0119

## ZONE CHAIR TRAINING

Roger Bosse and Bryan Cook presented Zone Chair training for new and returning zone chairs. It was a great lesson in teamwork - from a puzzle game to discussions on how much of the big to-do list are required tasks, and how we can work together to support each other in supporting our clubs, district, state, and Lions Clubs International.

Watch for zone chair requests to visit your club so they can learn about the great things your club is doing!



Sana Smith, Bryan Cook, Roger Bosse



Louvenia Shack-Seals, Bert Furman, Bea Furman



Cathy Koning, Gregg Brindamour



James Phelan, Nancy Hill



## **Big News from Winter Camp!**

Over the last few months much discussion has been had to start a new club made up of Winter Campers (including virtual campers). This is now a reality! As of June 2, the Clear Lake Virtual Lions Club of 25 members had their charter approved by Lions Clubs International (LCI).

The idea for this club started with a statement made by Winter Camper and Lion, Tyrone Hamilton, who stated that those who have benefited from Lions through Winter Camp should consider becoming Lions themselves as a way to provide service in return for service offered to them. Several of our Campers are already Lions and as we discussed the benefits of being a Lion during our Virtual Winter Camp in February and subsequent Winter Camp Chats (monthly discussion groups), enough of our community were interested enough in Lions to charter a new club.

Many thanks to Immediate Past District Governor (IPDG) David Anderson and Lion Bea Furman who helped spearhead this effort, along with Lions Kelly Lubbe, Tyrone Hamilton, Rosemarie Facilla, MaryAnn Robinson, District Governor (DG) Terri Huffman, Cheryl Bradshaw, and Past Council Chair (PCC) Dave Hill.

It truly was a team effort, to organize informational meetings, call campers to confirm their commitment, find volunteers for officers, and ultimately filling out and submitting the charter for approval. The process was expedited to take advantage of the entry and charter fee waivers which end on June 30, 2022. The Jackson Host Lions Club has agreed to sponsor the new club and will be making a donation to start their activities fund.

We will be determining dates for meeting, as well as planning a charter event (which may be virtual), toward the end of June.

At this point, I would like to make a BIG ASK. Most of you will know that the Blind and Visually Impaired are typically under-employed or living on disability income. One of the challenges for people becoming Lions are the dues. So that we can give these new Lions a boost into their new world of Service, we are asking folks in our district and beyond to sponsor one or more of these new Lions' first year dues. The amount will be \$70. This amount will cover the LCI, State, and District dues. Local (club) dues have not been established by the club as of yet. The requested sponsorship will allow the new Lions to focus their efforts on organizing themselves without the stress of coming up with \$70 in the next month. This allows them time to plan a personal dues budget for the next year.

If you have an interest in helping one of these new Lions with their 1st year of dues, please contact myself (Roger Bosse, [rogerbosse@attnet](mailto:rogerbosse@attnet), (269) 578-3684) or David Anderson ([danderson@rwbaird.com](mailto:danderson@rwbaird.com), (989) 928-9821).

If you listened to the 2022 Michigan Virtual Forum, you would have heard Jeff Mayuiers give a moving session on "re-gifting" the opportunity to be a Lion. I would ask that you think about what being a Lion means to you, and how you might make it possible for another to enjoy the benefits of service through Lions

Thank you all for your support of Winter Camp for the Blind and this new virtual Lions Club.

Lion Roger Bosse

## ADRIAN BREAKFAST

The Adrian Breakfast Lions have been living up to the Lions motto "We Serve" by donating \$850 back to the community in April. \$400 was donated to the Adrian Area Little League making it nearly 50 consecutive years the club has been a sponsor. This makes the club one of the longest continuing sponsors for the program. \$100 was donated to the Adrian High School After Prom Party providing a safe and fun event for students. \$300 covered the cost of a hearing aid fitting for a local resident, while \$50 was donated to Leader Dog to help in their matching funds campaign. In addition, the club membership has begun planning for their annual radio auction slated for October 22nd.

## ANN ARBOR EVENING

Club members recently participated in White Cane Days, District Convention, and Bear Lake Camp Cleanup.



Weeding around the main building



Pruning the tree with the thorny limbs

## BEDFORD

Bedford Lions have recently welcomed new members (installed by PDG Roger Spriggs) and held a Chicken BBQ fundraiser. It's looking like 2022-23 is going to be a good year!



## ANN ARBOR HOST

Lion Carol Downton recently represented Ann Arbor Host Lions at Visions 2022. Her table featured information on Project KidSight, eyeglass donations, white cane, Lions mints, the sensory garden at Liberty Plaza, and membership applications.

The 2022 VISIONS Vendor Fair featured a variety of exhibitors who demonstrated the latest products and services for the blind, visually impaired, and physically disabled. Electronic readers, magnifiers, support services, Braille devices, library services, CCTVs, leader dogs, and transportation services. This event is presented by [Washtenaw Library for the Blind and Print Disabled](#) and is co-sponsored by the State of Michigan's Bureau of Services for Blind Persons.



Ann Arbor Host Lions recently held a Zingerman's Bakehouse **Bake!** fundraiser. They attended virtual instruction on how to make two different types of their signature scones: Lemon scones and Country scones - Sweet and savory!

Club members have also participated in White Cane Days, Eversight "Golf for Good", voted in their club leadership for 2022-23, and has been updating their webpage.

Visit them at [https://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/ann\\_arbor\\_host/index.php](https://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/ann_arbor_host/index.php)

## CLINTON

Clinton Lions recently held a Strides Walk for Diabetes Awareness. Mary Lou reported at their club meeting that it was a successful fundraiser, raising about \$3000 to support their community service projects.

## NAPOLEON

Napoleon is hosting a golf scramble to support their community service projects.



## BATTLE CREEK CEREAL CITY

Cereal City Lions have been busy! 513 service hours in May alone. Their club newsletter reminds us that an inducted Lion only truly feels like a Lion once they have experienced the depth of commitment to community and projects that invokes true "We Serve" enthusiasm. Their sponsor serves an important role, to get them invited to activities and engaged in the club, the district, and LCI as a worldwide organization.

Getting involved - that's what new Lions, Hope and Scott Swank, have done! With Roger Spriggs and wife Harriet being incapacitated due to Harriet's new knee, Hope and Scott agreed to deliver the pillowcases the club produced for Camp Quality to the MD-11 Convention.

Two hundred and twenty-five pillowcases, sufficient to cover the entire camping season of Beaumont Hospital's Camp Quality (for pediatric cancer), were carried to the convention by Hope and Scott. This is their first Multiple District convention and they have not had an opportunity to meet many Lions from other Districts before, so they certainly jumped into the deep end - and loved every minute of it!



Lions Hope and Scott Swank (center) pictured with Peggy Allen (left) and Laura Hunt (right)



Roger Bosse, Hope and Scott, with Jean McDonough Executive Director of Camp Quality.

You won't catch the Cereal City Lions sitting around

Pillowcases! White Cane! Highway Cleanup! Garage Sale! Club of the Year!

If you are interested in learning more about Cereal City Lions, please visit them on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/cerealcitylions/](https://www.facebook.com/cerealcitylions/) or email them at [cerealcitylions@gmail.com](mailto:cerealcitylions@gmail.com)



Many Cereal City and Pennfield Lions were involved with the sewing of the pillowcases for Camp Quality.



Roger Bosse and Mary Wallace



John Koerner, Pennfield



Muriel Walters



Mary Wallace, Roger Bosse, Bonnie Leonard,  
Lindsey Leonard



Dorothy Bosse



Roger Bosse



Old and young. Spouses and friends. Together they share the White Cane message while collecting donations for their community service projects.



Bryan Cook and Jane Cook



Dorothy Bosse and Roger Bosse



Roger Spriggs, Tom Jacob, Bob Harvey, Jim Baum



Red O'Leary, Teresa Gest, Bob Harvey



The garage sale setup was followed by a club party. (They know how to balance the work and play!)



Hope Swank and Hannah Swank  
(daughter and Lion for the Day)



Kay Smith and John Stiff



Bryan Cook and Jane Cook



Club Members at MD-11 Convention



**Karl Sorrnick Award - Club of the Year - Battle Creek Cereal City - Congratulations!**  
Club President Teresa Gest, District Governor Terri Huffman, Past International Director Anne Smarsh